

Store 2009

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Asia Metro Systems

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Study Tour of Railway Engineering (Store 2009)

Join the RTSA for an exciting 10-day tour of Asia's Metro Systems starting in Singapore and continuing to Kuala Lumpur, Shanghai, Beijing and finally Hong Kong!

Day 1 – September 13th

STORE Opening Event – Evening Drinks Reception & Welcome.

Day 2 & 3 – September 14th & 15th

Fly to Kuala Lumpur

Visits to:

RapidKL Metro systems, operational control centre, maintenance facilities.

Possible tour with Hartasuma (to be confirmed).

Evenings FREE to explore KL or join group dinner on both nights at local restaurant to be arranged.

Day 4 – September 16th

Fly to Singapore

Visits to:

SMRT Metro control centre, maintenance facilities.

Possible visit to EZ-link smart card or LTA Academy (to be confirmed).

Evening FREE to explore the local area or visit the night markets or group dinner.

Day 5 & 6 – September 17th & 18th

Fly to Shanghai

Visits to:

Shanghai metro, Shanghai high speed facilities, Voith Turbo facilities (all subject to confirmation)

Evening flight to Beijing (or possible overnight HS train). Dinner included.

Day 7 – Saturday, September 19th

Visits to:

Beijing metro facilities, China Academy of Railway Sciences, Chinese rail museum (times are

Evening FREE to explore local shopping or join group dinner.

Day 8 – Sunday, September 20th

Day Free: All participants will be responsible for their own activities.

As an extra we plan to visit the Forbidden City in the morning and the Great Wall of China later where we will have lunch and walk the wall.

Day 9 – September 21th

Fly to Zhuzhou, in the beautiful Hunan province with its famous cuisine.

Visits to:

Times Electrical Group, Times Material Technology, and China Southern Railways (subject to confirmation).

Evening experience the hot spicy flavours, fresh aromas and deep colours of local cuisine with a group dinner. Stay overnight.

Day 10 – September 22nd

Early flight to Hong Kong

Visits:

MTRC facilities at Kowloon Bay Depot and presentation & Tsing Yi Operational Control Centre

Evening: closing dinner and technical presentation with the China Hong Kong Permanent Way Society (CHKPWS).

Flights then return to Australia on the next day (or if you have previously arranged later flights you can stay over, at your own expense, to do extended shopping or sightseeing).

Note Itinerary is subject to change

Tour Benefits

This technical tour is a valuable opportunity for like-minded rail professionals to experience first-hand, how the most extensive metro systems in Asia transport millions of passengers to their destinations every day.

You and your fellow group members will learn of the practices and technologies in use by world-leading metro operators and manufacturers and have the opportunity to discuss how new ways of working can be introduced into your organisations. RTSA members will develop their rail capability for the emerging Australian and New Zealand metro industry, and build relationships with like-minded overseas professionals. This educational and cultural exchange is a vital component in developing efficient urban rail systems for our Australasian cities, a vital component for economic growth and prosperity. So, join us on this exciting 10-day tour, broaden your horizons and network with other rail professionals to bring new ideas to your rail business!

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Members of Engineers Australia can claim CPD hours for attendance at this event. Members should refer to Engineers Australia's CPD Policy for requirement details and conditions.



Tour Prices (all Australian dollars)

The RTSA offers special discounts to members of the RTSA and young rail professionals:

RTSA Young Rail Professionals: (see * for eligibility):
\$3,400 per person (twin share)

RTSA Members:
\$3,900 per person (twin share)

Non-RTSA Members:
\$4,900 per person (twin share)

* applies to young engineers under 35 years of age at time of booking.

Note 1: A further discount of \$150 is offered for New Zealand members

Note 2: A single person supplement of \$1,194 shall apply to attendees requiring their own hotel room.

Included in Price

- International and domestic air fares as defined in the itinerary (including from / to Australia)
- Transfers from / to airports using public transport
- Twin share accommodation including, taxes, breakfast daily.
- Lunches, evening meals (of standard local quality)
- Local rail travel (as part of the formal itinerary)
- Transfers to and from technical visits

Note 1: The above prices include departures from any of the major Australian gateways (i.e. Sydney/Brisbane/Melbourne/Perth/Adelaide).

Note 2: Air fares prices to / from Australia cannot be broken out from total tour.

Note 3: New Zealand members will be responsible for their own airfares to Australia. Flights from New Zealand to Australia are classified as domestic fares, that is, instant purchase and subject to availability. A further discount of \$150 to the tour price is available for New Zealand members to assist in these travel costs.

Not Included in Price

Personal expenses such as:

- Lunch / dinners on free days
- Alcohol at meals
- Hotel services (phone calls, laundry)
- Sightseeing tours.
- Visas
- Travel insurance

Note 1: Different passport holders will have different requirements for visas. Please familiarise yourself with visa requirements for your specific circumstances. Successful STORE applicants will be required to apply for visas at their own expense. Visas for Australian passport holders for the Peoples Republic of China will involve application at a Chinese consulate and a fee (as at March 09) of \$40. The RTSA and Meridian World Travel will provide tour credentials and itineraries details for visas. (Details of visa applications will follow)
See <http://sydney.chineseconsulate.org/eng/whjl/> for China visa application forms.

Note 2: Passports must have at least 6 months remaining duration prior to departure from Australia.

Note 3: It is a requirement that tour participants have travel insurance as part of this tour (the level to encompass unlimited health and medical cover for this region). Upon notification that a member has been granted a tour discount, they will be required to complete a travel booking form and provide assurances that they have adequate travel insurance. Meridian World Travel offer a 10% discount on their RRP of \$128 for Australian travel insurance and forms will be sent with travel booking forms.

The RTSA gratefully acknowledges the support of sponsors and industry partners in developing this tour. Some organisations are still finalising details with the RTSA on the itinerary and level of support.

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**For more information about Store 2009 contact:
MetroTour@rtsa.com.au**



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Application Form

Fax to: 02 6273 2358 or Mail: RTSA, PO Box 6238 Kingston ACT 2604

Applications available only to RTSA members who attained membership prior to 1 April 2009 and are current financial.

- Tick box if you a Young Rail Professional (age 35 years or less)
 Tick box if you are a New Zealand member and wish to apply for the \$AUD150 discount

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

Credit Card Details

Card Type: Visa Mastercard Amex **Deposit Amount \$AUD 500 per person**

Name on Card:

Card Number: Expiry Date : __ __ / __ __

Signature:

or

Cheque enclosed

Please make cheque out to RTSA - STORE 2009 and mail to the above address.

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

Please carefully consider the following conditions prior to making an application as they incorporate the basis upon which applications are accepted.

Meridian World Travel & Tours (A.B.N: 14 056 329 296 Lic No: 1023) act as tour travel agent for the RTSA for this tour.

DEPOSIT AND BALANCE OF PAYMENT

A non refundable deposit of \$500.00 is required from successful applicants. Successful applicants will be required to fill out a tour registration form which will be sent from Meridian World Travel and should be returned to their offices. Full payment of the tour is required by the RTSA by 31 May. (These amounts plus RTSA contribution will then be passed onto Meridian World Travel by 31 May). Failure to pay the full amount by the due date may result in a late payment fee or cancellation.

Note: Meridian World Travel & Tours is a fully licensed travel agent and a member of the Travel Compensation Fund.

NOT INCLUDED

The tour price does not include beverages with meals and any meals and sightseeing tours not specified. It is your responsibility to ensure settlement of any charges made by a hotel or provider of any service, for extra services ordered directly by you such as room service, mini bar, laundry, post, telephone charges, and items of a personal nature or tips (hotels require validation of a credit card upon check in). Visa (if applicable), travel insurance and excess baggage fees are not included in our prices.

PRICING

All prices quoted are in Australian dollars. In the event of a fluctuation in charges including exchange rates, airfares, fuel surcharges, taxes and other land arrangement costs, RTSA reserves the right to adjust tour prices accordingly. You are required to pay any such increase before departure.

CHANGES TO THE ITINERARY

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy. If we are forced to change bookings or parts of it for reasons beyond our control prior to or during actual travel, we bear no responsibility for this and reserve the right to vary the tour itinerary and give you prompt notice thereof. If variations in the itinerary are accepted (which are permitted in these conditions) then no claim shall be made for compensation, refund or loss on that account. The RTSA also reserves the right to change the daily itinerary on tour due to weather conditions or circumstances beyond its control. These decisions are final and may not be disputed during or after the tour.

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CANCELLATION CHARGES

Cancellations received from 1 June will incur a loss of 100% of total tour cost. However, this could be recoverable through your travel insurance.

LATE BOOKING AND AMENDMENT FEES

Bookings made after 1 June will only be accepted if full payment is made at the time of booking. Late booking fees may also apply. A fee of \$50.00 per amendment to confirmed bookings will be charged in addition to any charges levied by hotels, ground/cruise operators or airlines. If an amendment is requested after 1 June a cancellation fee may apply.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of joining this tour that all participants take out full comprehensive travel insurance. Your insurance policy details will need to be provided to us prior to departure, failure to do so will mean exclusion from the trip.

SINGLE PARTICIPANT

If you are travelling alone and wish to share a room, we will endeavour to match you with another single participant. We accept no responsibility for the suitability of the rooming partner. If at any time during the tour you consider the rooming partner to be unsuitable, we will arrange single accommodation (if available) the additional cost of which will be borne by you. If we are unable to find a rooming partner prior to departure, you will be required to pay the applicable single supplement to undertake the tour.

REFUNDS

No refund will be given for any pre-booked accommodation or other pre-booked services or other travel which is not utilised. Participants who do not conform to the itinerary will not be entitled to refunds for any parts of the tour missed and no variations are allowed. No allowances or refunds will be made for lost or unused tickets or hotel coupons.

ACCOMMODATION

Whilst every effort is made to ensure hotel accommodation is on a twin share basis with private facilities, no responsibilities are accepted should the hotels change rooming arrangements. If by choice or circumstance a single room is required, the single supplement will apply. Requests for smoking /non smoking rooms will be passed onto hotels, but cannot be guaranteed. In heritage hotels, room size and layout can vary from room to room.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Baggage allowance is a maximum of 20 kilograms per person. We recommend no more than 1 small suitcase (preferably with wheels) plus a large handbag per person (you can always shop locally for anything you need!). Excess baggage fees for international and any domestic flights will be your responsibility.

PARTICIPATION

All participants warrant that they have the physical capacity to participate fully in the tour without any assistance from the tour escort or other participants. Any important health, disability (physical or mental) issues must be made known to us verbally and written on the booking form. You are advised to check your travel insurance policy to make sure these issues are covered. Meridian World Travel & Tours (as travel agent for the RTSA) reserves the right to decline any person as a tour participant if it believes that it is not possible to guarantee the welfare of that person during the tour. A booking may be refused or cancelled after payment. The RTSA also reserves the right to remove from the tour any person whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other passengers. In such event, the RTSA is not liable for any direct or indirect costs, losses or expenses incurred by the participant.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

You are requested to familiarise yourself with any health requirements specific to the countries being visited. It is highly recommended that you get advice from a medical practitioner.

CONSULAR ADVICE

We recommend that you review information issued by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade by calling 1300 555 135 or by visiting their website at www.smarttraveller.com.au

RESPONSIBILITY

Meridian World Travel & Tours (as travel agent for the RTSA) acts as coordinator for all persons taking these tours in the making of all arrangements for flights and hotel accommodation. These services are not provided by Meridian World Travel & Tours but by airlines, hoteliers and other service providers which are not under its control. While we take all reasonable care to select such service providers, Meridian World Travel & Tours and associated agents accept no responsibility for any accident, injury, death, sickness, damage, loss, cancellation, delay, failure to deliver or partial or inadequate delivery of services, additional expenses or other unforeseen events caused in connection with those service providers, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. All coupons, vouchers, receipts and tickets issued by the airlines, hoteliers and other service providers are issued subject to the terms and conditions of liability contained in those documents, which may limit or exclude liability for death, personal injury, delay, and loss of or damage to baggage and are subject to the laws of the country where the services are provided. We do not accept any liability caused directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events beyond our control, including but without limitation to war or threat of war, acts of government, acts of terrorism, fire, strikes, civil disturbances, quarantines, floods, weather conditions, natural

disasters, incidents at sea, accidents or failure of machinery or equipment, theft, or other disturbances of any kind which cancel, interfere with, or add cost to the services requested.

WAIVER

While on tour there may be instances where you may wish to join the tour escort for activities in free time outside the tour programme which may involve catching taxis or using public transport to shopping/dinner locations or other destinations chosen at the time, the tour escort and Meridian World Travel & Tours will not be liable for any accident, injury, death, property damage or loss in relation to such activities. By signing the booking form, you agree to take part at your own risk. This waiver also covers participation in any "optional tours".

COMPLAINTS

The RTSA will have a leadership team accompany this tour. If you have any complaint about your trip, you must make it known at the earliest opportunity to a member of this team who will endeavour to resolve the issue at the time. If at the end of the trip you feel that your complaint has not been properly dealt with, you must notify the RTSA and Meridian World Travel & Tours in writing within 30 days of the end of your trip.

LAW OF CONTRACT

This contract is governed in all respects by the law of the State of Queensland and any legal action arising under the contract shall be litigated only in the appropriate court having jurisdiction in that state. Information

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